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Minutes for Resist steering committee meeting 3/3/72

Attending the meeting were:

Wendy Batson, Bell Chevigny, Frances Eubanks, Peggy Kaye, Hans Koningsberger, Kate Koningsberger, Paul Lauter, Todd Manley Ngo Vinh Long, Bob Nichols, Wayne O'Neill, Grace Paley, Claudeete Piper, Jennifer Riley, Tom Wolf

Financial Report

Three weeks ago we received a \$3,000 contribution from Carol Bernstein of Scarsdale, New York, which has put us in good financial shape. As we are starting resubscription to the mailing list, and we should get the ad placed by the end of the month, we should have a fair amount of money through May. Out of a total disbursement figure of \$4503.37 for the month, 66% went to grants and program (newsletter, poster, printing and postage), 28% went to office (salary, taxes, rent, phone) and 6% went to travel expenses.

We have the spanish refugee aid list, to which we will be doing a mailing around April 1. Also, we are asking steering committee people who have private lists to let us do a mailing to that list. We will have letters printed up for the next meeting which people can personally sign. So people who are agreeable should think about how they can get their list together (unless it has been used by us recently) and get it to the office.

Wendy

Wendy is working with the Mass. NWRO organizing for the children's march in Washington to be held March 25. The March and other actions organized by NWRO are aimed at the welfare reform bills now before congress, any of which will probably get re-written by Wilbur Mills, and Russell Long. Should the bills be passed it is likely that there will be a force to work clause in them, with stipulations that mothers must put their children in day care centers (which don't exist) and take whatever job is offered. Wendy may secure an article for the newsletter, or else do a small mailing to the list.

Newsletter

The next newsletter will contain articles on the Ford Plant in south Vietnam, on by David Doggett on the work of the Kudzu in Jackson, Miss., and article by Franz Schumann on Nixon's trip to china, a notice about one of our pledges, Zoia Horn, who has been cited for contempt of court in Harrisburg for refusing to testify, and possibly an article about the Welfare actions in D.C.

Poster Campaign

There have been four responses to the mailing we did about the poster. Two from universities, one from Rhode Island Air War Project, and one from El Paso Texas GI's for Peace at Fort Bliss. USSF will be sent some more posters. Also, Paul suggested that we send copies to NAG, as they have an air war groups which meets. Paul has been going to the meetings and asked if anyone minded Resist officially participating. Paul hoped that himself, Bell, Grace and Bill could take of the going-to meetings chores.

Speaking

Staff has copies of contracts ready for Dick, Noam, and Florence, plus copies of letters for them to sign which serve as permission for us to be their sponsors. Also, Luke McKissak, who is defending Billy Dean Smith, a Black GI accused of killing to officers in Viet Nam has requested that we set up several speaking dates for him. He is now in Viet Nam researching the case, and should be returning in a few weeks. Anyonewith contacts a law schools should consider the possibilities of speaking dates for him.

Hans also brought up the case of Lee Otis Johnson, who has been granted a new trial in his case, in which he was sentenced to thirty years for passing one joint on to an undercover agent. The state is appealing the decision, and requesting that he not be let out on bail. Hans asked if anyone objected to their names being used in a letter to the New York Review of Books and the New York Times.

AD

Paul read the text of the ad with his corrections. The office will type up this final version and send it to Paul, who will then give it to David Levine. Then, hopefully with one of his cartoons, we will give the text to various publications, American Report, Ramparts and the Phoenix and try to secure a free ad. Also possibly Liberation.

Spring Actions

Hans talked about the previous days action at Pees Air Force Base in Portsmouth New Hampshire. The action had originally been planned to include civil disobedience, but when the demonstrators got to the base the police had set up numerous barricades which made that impossible. There were about three hundred people attending the demonstration, most of them from the Boston area.

Noam, snowed in at home and unable to attend the meeting, talked on the phone to Paul about his impressions of Harrisburg where he had spent part of the previous week. His impressions were not too encouraging. He was dubious of what effect the trial was having on Harrisburg, and also how successful the actions on April 1 would be, especially in light of the fact that most of the defendants disagreed with what was being done. Ngo Vinh Long added that Ebal Ahmad was considering severing his case out of fear that the racism of the jury might make a fair trial for anyone impossible. He also said that Boyd Douglas now looks very different from the earlier pictures of him. Now his appearance is closely resembling that of an FBI agent.

Larry Lifschultz and Jim Jordan from New Haven came into the office several weeks ago and talked about plans for several things in New Haven this April. It seems that William P Rogers is coming to Yale to receive some sort of award, the first administration figure of his stature to come to an Eastern college since 1068. So they are planning several different kinds of activities which will include something around his visit. Sat. the 15th of April they are planning a teach-in around the GI movement, and also plan to issue a statement saying something to the effect that: Four years ago we said we won't go. Now we are saying that we will, and will join the GI movement. The Next day, April 16, there will be teach-ins around the air war. Outside of New Haven is the Sikorski plant, which makes attack helicopters for use in Viet Nam. Monday morning they plan to be there stopping traffic coming into the plant. They have some contacts in the plant now, and hope to have more after the action. Then Thurs. the 20th Rogers comes to New Haven. They hope to involve as many people from the area as possible in the action, especially from New York and Boston. Telephone number is 203-624-6744

NGO VINH LONG

Ngo Vinh Long came to the meeting to talk about his funding request from Thoi-Bao Ga Vietnam Resource Center. He represents a groups of Vietnamese who have been doing work in this country for five years. The Center published a newsletter which is distributed to 3,000 vietnamese free of charge in addition to being mailed to the regular mailing list of 5,000. On Feb 10 Long and nine other Vietnamese took over the South Vietnamese consulate in New York. They did this to demonstrate to other Vietnamese in this country the feasibility of taking public stands against the war, and the effectiveness of doing so. They hope to do more work along these lines. Long also spoke about something he was afraid might turn out to be a mistake. In South Vietnam the army is now 1.1 million men, the self defense forces comprise another ~~400,000~~ 4 million persons, and combat, service and secret police total 200,000 people. All this in a country of 15,000,000 people. Long was afraid that too much ~~emphasis~~ emphasis was being given to the air war, which could be ended before the elections without affecting these 5.3 million persons directly controlled by Thieu. Also, after destroying 60% of the rice crop much has to be imported from the United States, and it is rationed out. Should any segment of the population refuse to co-operate with Thieu he could have the U.S. starve them into submission. Long stressed the importance of concentrating on the South Vietnamese regime and the ARVN.

FUNDING

1. Shot Tower, Baltimore, Md.	Denied
2.	
2. Ex Ethos, Little Rock, Ark.	pending
3. House of Israel, Inc. Freedom School Erie, Pa.	Pending
4. Clemon Blanchey, Wall Walla Washington	Bell check out prison coalition there
5. Thoi-Bao Ga., Vietnam Resource Center, Cambridge	600
6. The Gulf Coast Pupwood Association	175 x 3, plus another 150 this month
7. Inside out Seattle Washington	100, send local fundraising info.
8. Resurrection City, Browns Ala.	150 x 3
9. The Next Step, New York	denied
10. Liberator, Charlestown, W. Va.	30, check with Rob Burlledge further
11. Joe Neal, Fayetteville, Ark	50
12. George Stein/CAICAV	denied
13. National Draft Counselors	150 contingent on Joe Tujinsky
14. People's Coalition for Peace and Justice, Boston	denied
15. Women's assembly, Women's Action Project	110
16. Milwaukee Bust Book	denied
17. Phila Resistance	denied

18. GI's for Peace, Fort Bliss, El Paso	70
19. Motor City Labor League, Detroit	150 x 3
20. Support Our Soldiers Los Angeles, Calif.	200
21. Richard Franzblau, West. Va.	pending
22. The People First, Dorchester, Mass.	denied
23. Malcolm X United Liberation Front	postponed for one month
24. Mike Honey/Martha Allen Memphis	pending
25. Bail Out , New York	given New York mailing list
26. WIN Magazine, New York	150 loan

Next Meeting

Given the small number of people who were at the last meeting we really didn't decide when and where to hold the next meeting. So, will people please send to the office their preference for either New York or Boston, and what date April 1, 2, 8, 9. There is no date set for the next meeting, nor will there be unless people respond and let us know what would be best. So write in, dammit.

Resist Financial statement for steering committee meeting
March 5, 1972

Balance as of February 5, 1972

878.47

Income for the month:

Pledges	1996.69
Contributions	3822.00
Security Kit	43.30
H.S. Kit	12.23
Subscriptions	20.00
Mass. Mailing	600.00

Total income was

6434.44

Disbursements for the month

Taxes	378.20
Payroll	698.60
Grants	2515.00
Postage	265.00
Printing	230.68
P.C., Travel, maintenance	417.89

Total disbursements for the month came to
balance

4503.37

The ~~balance~~ we have now, with bank corrections and all
equals the resounding figure of

\$2792.61

The encumbrances, or expenses, for the next month
are as follows

Rent	130.00
Grants	850.00
Printing	100.00
Payroll	928.00
Postage	260.00
Travel	300.00

The total encumbrances come to about

2568.00

This means that we have about 3774.61 to grant for this month. However, I
would request that we limit our grants to 3,000.00, leaving us some money
for the next month, rather than blow it all in one big bundle.

Funding Requests for March 5, Resist meeting

- ✓ 1. Shot Tower, Baltimore Asking for travel expenses to contact workers at GM plant in Lordstown, Ohio, and also for money for used headliner. Need \$80 for travel and 225 for headliner. *Get together with others in Balto.*
- ✓ 2. Ethos, Little Rock, Ark. Asking for \$41 for expenses of putting out newspaper in Little Rock
Hold t./ Wayne talks w. Gary
- ✓ 3. House of Israel Incorporated, Freedom School, Erie Pa. Asking \$100 for newspaper for community church involved in NWSO march, draft counseling, sewing center, legal rights education.
Pending
- ✓ 4. Clemon Blanchey, WallaWalla Washington, Asking for \$225 for paper and cits masters for newspaper inside prison, and cassette tapes for messages and lessons.
Postpone
5. Thoi-Bao Ga, Vietnam Resource Center, Cambridge Asking up to \$600 for costs of publishing newspaper, operating Resource center, and paying off \$2000 debt incurred in take over of ~~British Consulate~~ South Vietnam consulate in New York

\$500

6. The Gulfcoast Pulpwood Association, Laurel Mississippi Asking for \$500 each for 6 month expenses of two organizers. Also asking for 500 to 1000 for addressograph and typewriter for Laurel office.

\$175/3

\$150

7. Inside Out ^X Seattle Washington a prisoner support group which is running a house for families visiting relatives at nearby McNeil Island Prison. They need help to meet house expenses which come to about \$600 a month.

\$100

8. Resurrection City Farm Browns Alabama, Asking for \$950, spread out over three months to cover expenses of putting in running water before summer in order to accommodate work brigades to help raise food. Their food was used at Malco X conference, and is used by New Orleans Panthers

\$150/3

9. The Next Step Asking for up to \$620 for organizing and newspaper expenses. \$270 for printing and postage? 100 for equipment/ 150 for transportation costs in re-establishing contacts with former GI's who were working with the Next Step in Germany

No

10. Liberator, Charleston, West Virginia: \$150 to get paper out of debt and for printing of next 4 issues (\$30/issue) until paper is paying for itself.

\$30

11. Joe Neal, Fayetteville, Arkansas: \$50 towards purchasing of ~~an~~ mimeo machine for printing service and possible resurrection of Ozark Mountain Times. Printing service is now in existence, but using borrowed church machines.

\$50

12. George Stein/CALCAV, Boston/New York: Anything towards phone bill of approx. \$1500-\$2000 incurred by telephone transmission of interviews from Versailles to c. 40 college and other radio stations. (Phone calls within States.)

No

13. National Black Draft Counselors, Chicago: Anything towards 3 month salary (\$1500) for one staff person (\$500/mo.) until they can hear from other possible funding sources.

(\$150 authorized if...)

14. People's Coalition for PJ, Boston: \$400 for printing of next issue of "The Point", and something toward costs of future monthly issues.

No

15. Womens' Assembly, Women's Action Project, Cambridge: \$200 for posters and \$110 for Newsreels "The Women's Film" for publicity for the conference (Women's Assembly) of waitresses, housewives, secretaries, health workers, gay women, college women, as well as organizers, in the Boston area.

\$110

16. Milwaukee Bust Book, Milwaukee: This time requesting \$400 towards printing of book; demand is high and they've decided to print 5,000 rather than 2,500; \$250 has already been raised.

No

17. Philadelphia Resistance, Philly: \$100 to cover debts incurred in demonstration at McGuire AFB on Feb. 26.

No

18. GI's For Peace, Ft. Bliss El Paso: \$70 to cover debts of \$ borrowed to finance expanded mailing of paper, Gigline to local ACL U, AFSC, and Unitarian Fellowship lists. Mailing was to publicize spring and summer actions, speakers, films and thereby to increase subscriptions to Gigline to finance further mailings.

\$70

~ 19. Motor City Labor League, Detroit: \$100 for repairs of duplicator and purchase of a used tape recorder; \$150 for purchase of addressograph and light table, \$150 for costs of work around union election at Chrysler plant.
6150/3

20. Support Our Soldiers - Los Angeles: For office rental and equipment.
(Authorize \$200)

< 21. Rick Franzblau/ West Virginia Student Public Interest Research Group, Morgantown, W.Va. Anything towards \$1,000 over 8 months (Jan-Aug '72) for support while he organizes WVSPIRG all over W. Va.

(ask Burlage)

22. The People First (TFP), Dorchester, Mass.: \$500 for renovation of new storefront for space for daycare center and office space for paper.

23. Malcolm X United Liberation Front, Tallahassee, Fla.: For Rent (\$175/mo.) utilities (\$70/mo.), telephone (\$30/mo.), newspaper (\$100/Mo.) \$395 Total.

(\$200 - for next mo.)

- 24. Mike Honey and Martha Allen, Memphis, Tn.: \$200 for new tires and repairs of car used extensively for organizing by both for Operation Freedom and Committee against Repressive Legislation.

25. Bail Out, New York: Asking \$150 to bail out 2 people, also towards putting \$4-\$5 in commissary accounts for 7-8 people that they won't be able to cover this time. (approx. \$40). These needs are immediate.

send out mailing to NY list

26. W I M Mag.

\$150 loan